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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri K. Srikanth, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kavali on the allegation of dereliction of duty in collection of market fee and delay of electrification work at AMC, Kavali for opening of Rythu Bharosa Centre – Inquiry conducted – Charge held not proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION(VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.432 **Dated:09.06.2023**

Read the following :-

1. Letter Rc.No.Spl.CCO/01/2020, dated:25.01.2020 of the Collector & District Magistrate, S.P.S.R.Nellore District.
2. E-file No. AGC05-16021/18/2020-DISCPLR SEC-MRK(Computer No.1084702) of the Spl.C&DoAM, AP received on 29.01.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.262, Agri. & Coop.(Vig.II)Dept., dated:09.03.2023.
4. Written statement of defence dated:29.03.2020 of the C.O. Sri K. Srikanth, DDM, Guntur.
5. Govt.Memo No.AGC01/MKTG/3/2020-VIG.II, dated:05.10.2020.
6. Inquiry report dated:08.05.2023 of the RJDM, Vijayawada & Inquiring Authority.

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O R D E R:

In a disciplinary case, on the allegation of dereliction of duty in collection of market fee and delay of electrification work at AMC, Kavali for opening of Rythu Bharosa Kendra, based on the proposal of the Collector & District Magistrate, S.P.S.R.Nellore District and based on the recommendation of the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur, Government had initiated departmental proceedings by framing the following article of charge against Sri K. Srikanth, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kavali vide G.O.3rd read above:-

Article of Charge:

"That Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Kavali is disobedient, negligent and uncooperative to the higher ups while conducting enquiry by the Sub-Collector, Kavali on 25.01.2020.

Thus, it shows his gross negligence towards his official duties, arrogance and lack of devotion to duty and thus violated the Rule 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

2. The Charged Officer Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing has submitted his written statement of defence dated:29.03.2020 denying the charge framed against him.

3. Since the Charged Officer has denied the charge framed against him, Government have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the charge framed against him. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, orders have been

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issued appointing the Joint Director of Marketing, Vijayawada as Inquiring Authority and the Deputy Director of Marketing, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer for conducting regular inquiry into the charge framed against the Charged Officer viz. Sri K. Srikanth, Deputy Director of Marketing.

4. After conducting regular inquiry, the Regional Joint Director of Marketing & Inquiring Authority has furnished the inquiry report dated:08.05.2023 concluding that, the Secretary, AMC, Kavali viz. Sri K. Srikanth is not the person concerned to take up electrification works to R.B.K. therefore not responsible for delay in electrification work at AMC, Kavali for opening of Rythu Barosa Kendra which is the responsibility of Agricultural Departmental Officers only. Hence, the article of charges is held not proved.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the inquiry report dated:08.05.2023 of the Regional Joint Director of Marketing & Inquiring Authority and decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer viz. Sri K. Srikanth, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kavali. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against the Charged Officer viz. Sri K. Srikanth, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kavali, in the instant disciplinary case.

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Srikanth, the then Deputy Director of Marketing on OD as Selection Grade Secretary, AMC, Kavali.
(Through : The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)
Copy to:-
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Collector & District Magistrate, S.P.S.R.Nellore District.
SC/SF.

// FORWARDED::BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER